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## Highlights

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### LEADING THE NEWS

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#### Wheeler's Nomination as EPA Head Expected Once Shutdown Ends

By Dean Scott

President Donald Trump is expected to formally tap acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler as early as this month to be the agency's permanent chief, the first step in what could be a drawn-out confirmation battle.

#### FERC Commissioner Kevin McIntyre Dies

By Stephen Cunningham

Kevin McIntyre, a commissioner and former chairman of the top U.S. energy regulator, has died.

## Companies Don't Have to Report More Asbestos Imports to EPA

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA has denied a request to require more companies that import asbestos to report to the agency.

### **TODAY'S NEWS**

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## Poor Air Quality in Arizona, Utah Draws Lawsuit Threat for EPA

By Brenna Goth

A coalition of Western environmental and community groups are threatening to sue the Environmental Protection Agency if it doesn't start enforcing federal air-quality standards in parts of Utah and Arizona.

## Trump Will Have to Start Anew on EPA, Interior, Energy Nominees

By Rebecca Kern and Dean Scott

Nominees for the EPA, Interior, and Energy departments will have to be sent back to the Senate, because the chamber didn't confirm them before the 115th Congress ended.

## Trump Administration Sits on Billions in Storm Protection Money

By Christopher Flavelle

The Trump administration is sitting on billions of dollars intended to help vulnerable cities and states prepare for extreme weather, prompting growing criticism from state officials worried about the next storm season.

## Flood Plain Fears Not Enough to Sink Missouri Hog Farm

By Christopher Brown

A 6,000-hog farm in northern Missouri can go forward despite its location in a 100-year flood plain, the Missouri Court of Appeals ruled.

## Magellan Ammonia Pipeline Wins Dismissal of Hazardous Waste Suit

By Peter Hayes

Magellan Ammonia Pipeline won dismissal of a hazardous waste citizen suit stemming from a 2016 pipeline rupture and release of more than 80,000 gallons of ammonia into the air.

## EPA's Action on Ozone Noncompliance Areas Nets Suit Dismissal

By Steven M. Sellers

The EPA's recent decision to designate areas not meeting ozone pollution limits means environmental and health advocates' legal challenge to a planned delay in those designations is moot, a federal appeals court in Washington ruled.

## Oregon Glass Maker Gets Boost in Air Pollution Beef

By Steven M. Sellers

An Oregon glass maker can't pursue civil rights allegations that state officials falsely portrayed it as the source of toxic waste, but can proceed with claims that it isn't subject to a Clean Air Act regulation, a federal court in Oregon ruled.

## Government Shutdown Won't Delay Nevada's Plutonium Shipment Suit

By Peter Hayes

A suit by Nevada seeking to halt the shipment of radioactive materials to the state won't be put on hold due to Justice Department furloughs during the federal government shutdown.

## Chemours Sues for Duties on Asian Nonstick Chemical Imports

By Brian Flood

The Chemours Co. is challenging the decision not to hit U.S. imports of polytetrafluoroethylene resin from China and India with new duties, according to filings at the Court of International Trade.

### **Delta Tunnels, Diversity Are Focus of New California Water Leader**

By Emily C. Dooley

The new person in charge of delivering water to one in 17 Americans has two big goals: seeing through a controversial public works project to build two new California water tunnels and ensuring her agency is represented by a more diverse group of people.

### **Monsanto Roundup False Label Suit Won't Be Certified as Class**

By Julie Steinberg

Bayer AG unit Monsanto Co. won't have to face a class action alleging it falsely advertised Roundup by saying the weed killer's active ingredient, glyphosate, doesn't affect humans or pets.

### **WildHorse, Chesapeake Energy \$3.98B Merger Draws Investor Suit**

By Jennifer Bennett

A Texas energy firm didn't give its investors enough information about its finances in connection with a proposed merger worth \$3.977 billion, a Jan. 2 complaint said.

### **U.K. Upends Economic Orthodoxy That Growth Needs More Power**

By Rachel Morison

Britain is consuming less electricity even as its population grows, upending assumptions that expanding economies need to be coupled with rising power consumption.

## For U.S. Offshore Wind Farms, Sweet Spot Is 15 Miles from Beach

By Christopher Martin

How close would an offshore wind turbine have to be to ruin your day at the beach?

## Weyerhaeuser Faces Homeowners' Suit in Court Over Formaldehyde

By Peter Hayes

Weyerhaeuser Co. failed to move out of court a proposed class action by homeowners who allege construction joists manufactured by the company are off-gassing formaldehyde.

## Volvo Trucks to Take \$780 Million Charge Over Emissions Flaw

By Anthony Palazzo

Volvo AB, the world's second-largest truckmaker, will set aside 7 billion kronor (\$780 million) to address a faulty emissions-control component that's worn out more quickly than expected.

## With Eye on Record Flow From Russia, Gas Market Braces for Slump

By Vanessa Dezem

European natural gas prices look set to fall for the first time in four years in 2019 as buyers keep a close eye on flows from Russia that reached a record last year.

## ALL ABOUT: Incoming Democrats to Watch on Climate

By Abby Smith and Chuck McCutcheon

Climate is poised to take center stage as Democrats take over the House—but high-profile Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez isn't the only newcomer with climate ideas.

## A New House • California Water Boss • Incoming Democrats to Watch on Climate

By Chuck McCutcheon

The House returns today with a new majority, new speaker, and new rules.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT WRAPUP**

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#### Alexandra Dunn Confirmed to Run EPA Chemicals Office (2)

By Rebecca Kern and Dean Scott

Alexandra Dunn was confirmed by the Senate Jan. 2 to lead the EPA's chemicals office.

#### California Tailpipe Rules Now Washington State's in Trump Rebuke

By Paul Shukovsky

New cars and light-duty trucks sold in Washington state will have to meet California's more stringent greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards starting with the 2021 model year.

#### New Hampshire to Halve Limit on Nonstick Chemical in Water

By Adrienne Appel

New Hampshire has proposed cutting nearly in half the amount of a nonstick coating chemical it would allow in groundwater and drinking water.

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